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SUBJECT: SOVIET NUCLEAR TEST BAN INITIATIVE: FRENCH AND CHINESE
REACTION

REF: USUN 4187

1. IN A CALL ON FRENCH MISSION OFFICER SCALABRE ON
SEPT. 15 TO DISCUSS THE SPNFZ (REPORTED SEPTEL), SCALABRE
INFORMED US THAT THE CHINESE ARE "FURIOUS" ABOUT THE NEW
SOVIET TEST BAN INITIATIVE AND ARE URGING NON-ALIGNED
MEMBERS TO OPPOSE INCLUSION OF THE SOVIET ITEM AS A
SEPARATE ITEM. SCALABRE SAID THAT HE PERSONALLY THINKS
THE NEW SOVIET ITEM SHOULD BE COMBINED WITH AGENDA ITEM
NO. 28, "URGENT NEED FOR CESSATION OF NUCLEAR AND THERMO-
NUCLEAR TESTS AND CONCLUSION OF A TREATY DESIGNED TO
ACHIEVE A COMPREHENSIVE TEST BAN: REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE
OF THE COMMITTEE ON DISARMAMENT". THE CHINESE, HE SAID
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WOULD PREFER NO MENTION AT ALL OF THE SOVIET INITIATIVE.

THE FOF, IN SCALABRE'S OPINION, WOULD ACCEPT INCLUSION
OF THE SOVIET INITIATIVE AS A SUB-HEADING UNDER ITEM NO.
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2. SCALABRE SAID THAT, DESPITE EFFORTS BY THE FRENCH
TO FIND OUT FROM THE SOVIETS WHAT THEIR "NEW" DISARMAMENT
INITIATIVE WOULD BE, THEY WERE ONLY INFORMED ON THURSDAY
MORNING, SEPTEMBER 11, IN PARIS.

3. SCALABRE INFORMED US THAT HE PERSONALLY HOPES THE
EC-9 WILL ADOPT A COMMON POSITION ON INCLUSION OF THE
SOVIET TEST BAN ITEM BUT THAT DIFFERENCES AMONG THE EC-9
MAY MAKE SUCH A COMMON FORM IMPOSSIBLE.

4. COMMENT: AS REPORTED EARLIER, OUR INTITIAL REACTION
IS THAT ANY ACTION WHICH INHIBITS
DIGNIFYING THE SOVIET COMPREHENSIVE TEST BAN TREATY (SUCH
AS INCLUDING IT AS A SEPARATE ITEM) SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED
AS LONG AS NO POLITICAL CAPITAL, WHICH MAY BE BADLY NEEDED
ON QUESTIONS OF MORE IMPORTANCE TO US IN THE GENERAL
COMMITTEE, IS EXPENDED.
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